

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 956

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Gary Myers for his meritorious service to the good people of the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly specially recognize those citizens who, through their love of nature and hard work, have distinguished themselves as conservation leaders and public servants of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable citizen is Gary Myers, Executive Director of Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency; and

WHEREAS, a state and national leader in wildlife and conservation, Gary Myers attended West Texas State Teachers College and the United States Naval Academy before graduating from Colorado State University with his bachelor's and master's degrees; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional, Gary Myers served with the Colorado Division of Wildlife for eleven years before moving to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Myers became Assistant Director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency in 1974, charged with heading field operations; and

WHEREAS, after becoming Acting Director in 1977, Gary Myers was named Executive Director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency on February 10, 1978; and

WHEREAS, during his term of service as Executive Director, Gary Myers has earned the respect of his co-workers and the citizens of Tennessee for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a national and international leader in bird conservation, Gary Myers has been an integral part of several initiatives and programs designed to preserve, restore, and develop Tennessee's habitat and wildlife, including the Wallop-Breaux Amendment, the North

American Waterfowl Management Plan, and the North American Bird Conservation Initiative; and

WHEREAS, in preserving and protecting this State's natural resources, Mr. Myers also oversaw Tennessee's waterfowl management plan, deer management plan, wetlands acquisition program, bear management program, elk restoration program, and wild turkey restoration initiative; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Mr. Myers was presented with the Robert Sparks Walker Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Gary Myers is most thankful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Norma; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to the people of his community, Mr. Myers epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Gary Myers is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Gary Myers for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, commend him upon his tireless commitment to Tennessee's natural resources and environment, and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.